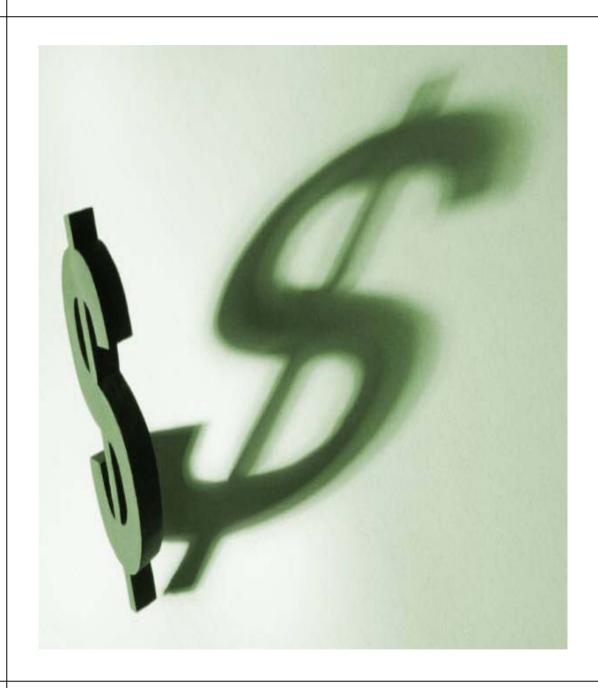
Bi-Weekly Report as of February 7, 2003 FSA Performance Plan – FY2003





## **SUMMARY**

## **COMPLETED**

• The Office of the Inspector General and the auditors at Ernst and Young issued an unqualified opinion on the FY 2002 FSA financial statement. All audit-related corrective actions have been completed. In addition, all material weaknesses and reportable conditions on audits have been addressed. (6)

# **GREEN LIGHT**

- The Project Team to implement Form 2000 enhancements is assembled and the team is working on a Business Justification to present to the IRB. (7)
- The decision not to recompete the Debt Management Collection System (DMCS) contract as a stand-alone was made. The re-engineering of DMCS will be rolled into the Common Services for Borrowers initiative. Work has begun for market research for an integrated solution for CSB. (8)
- The Business Justification for re-engineering EDExpress has been written and will be presented to the DSG/IPC in the very near future to request funding to study database solutions, migrated standalone modules to the Web and conduct a Product Registration survey. (21)
- The FSA Integration Group was formalized at the Management Council meeting on February 7, 2003. This completes milestone 15.2 and will contribute toward the achievement of Project 15 (Implement integrated project management oversight for FSA's system integration initiatives).

### YELLOW LIGHT

• FSA is on GAO's most recent issue of its High Risk List. While FSA recently received a clean opinion for the FY 2002 financial statement, it was not timely enough to effect the 2003 High Risk designation. This item will remain yellow until FSA has assurance from GAO that they will provide FSA with an interim assessment. (2)

## **RED LIGHT**

Although the cross-functional team has been established for Project 16 (Define an
enterprise-wide data strategy and high-level implementation approach that addresses the
business flow of data across the enterprise, architecture, primary ownership, standards,
management, access methods and quality) this project is reported as red. There is
concern that the both the milestones and the project will not meet the designated
deadlines.

## **DATE CHANGE APPROVALS**

• No items were reported in this category.

## ACTION PLAN STATUS AT A GLANCE

as of February 7, 2003

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1	Obtain a clean audit opinion on FSA's financial statements	V
2	Develop and execute an FY03 plan to get off the GAO High Risk List	
	Reconcile FSA accounts to Department's general ledger within 30 days after month-end close by 9/30/03	
	Implement the proper accounting structure and appropriate internal controls in all systems impacted by FSA's system integration and technology solution initiatives	
5	Develop trial balance capability for each operating partner (ACS, Raytheon, EDS, COD) to facilitate and expedite the reconciliation process	
	Address material weaknesses and reportable conditions in audits	•
	Implement Form 2000 enhancements needed since original deployment in October 2000	
8	Determine the scope of the Debt Management Collection System (DMCS) reengineering	
9	Improve school's fund management, reconciliation, and close out processes	
	Stabilize the Lender Application Process (LAP) and Lender Reporting System(LaRS)	
11	Enhance Program Monitoring and Oversight	
12	Develop and standardize an integrated contract management approach that utilizes performance measures that are directly linked to the business case objectives	
13	Create an Enterprise-level dashboard of productivity and performance metrics	
14	Develop and/or implement workforce alignment (business processes, skills, etc.) initiatives and actions to support FSA performance goals and One-ED objectives	
	Implement integrated project management oversight for FSA's system integration initiatives	
	Define an enterprise-wide data strategy and high-level implementation approach that addresses the business flow of data across the enterprise, architecture, primary ownership, standards, management, access methods, and quality	
17	Analyze Personal Identification Number (PIN) issues related to enterprise wide management/architecture strategy	
	Create an overall FSA integrated security and privacy architecture	
19	Develop and implement initial phases of an enterprise-wide customer service solution that incorporates best-in-business technology and enhanced business processes	
20	Improve the management of student aid through data sharing and consolidating common borrower services and functions	
21	Define strategy for EDExpress reengineering	
22	Develop an outreach strategy for Aid Awareness in support of OPE and tied to "No Child Left Behind"	
23	Upgrade technology and integrate CPS across the enterprise	
	Conduct NSLDS Analysis and begin phased implementation of solution	
	Complete the recommendations outlined in the OIG audit (A07-C001) Audit of Enterprise Architecture, issued September 30, 2002	
	Evaluate our participation in all events	
	Implement Master Promissory Note for PLUS	
	Enhance our cash transaction process to accommodate OCFO procedures	
	Augment Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships (LEAP)/Supplemental Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) module in FMS to enable direct electronic data exchange with GAPS and enhance the operational abilities	
	Obtain a clean financial opinion for ED through: improving FMS internal processes, programs, controls; supporting reconciliation activities between. FSA Operating Partners, FMS, FMSS, GAPS and Treasury; provide integration with FSA reengineered systems; and perform upgrade analysis and implementation of Oracle Federal Financials Release 11i	C
	Support ED, customers and business partners by participating in the President's Management Agenda E-Government initiatives	
	Develop an automated tool to administer budgetary resources for FSA's programs and to provide management with the data to effectively manage those resources	



# MILESTONE PLAN STATUS AT A GLANCE

as of February 7, 2003

FSA No.	MILESTONE	Status
1	Obtain a clean audit opinion on FSA's financial statements	<b>/</b>
1.1	Work with the Department to obtain a clean audit opinion	•
1.2	Work with the Department and auditors to assure full compliance with Federal	
'	Financial Managers Improvement Act (FFMIA), Federal Managers Financial	
	Integrity Act (FMFIA), and other laws and regulations	
1.3	Work with the Department to correct all material internal control weaknesses	
	identified in the financial statement audit report	
1.4	Review internal controls in Financial Management System (FMS) to ensure that	
	data is accurate, reliable, available and timely to maintain adequate stewardship	
	and accountability	
1.5	Participate with Budget Services in determining credit reform subsidy estimates	
1.6	Enhance 'Splitter' process in Financial Management System (FMS). Review	
	FMS and Accounting Division Operations processing	
1.7	Assist in the preparation of all Department-wide financial statements	
2	Develop and execute an FY03 plan to get off the GAO High Risk List	0
2.1	Review GAO Guidance, OMB concerns and FY 2002 High Risk Plan outcomes	
	and status	
2.2	Determine necessary action items for FY 2003 and update plan	
2.3	Validate plan with FSA Senior Leaders, Department Advisors and share with	
	GAO and OIG	
2.4	Finalize plan	
2.5	Demonstrate progress in having implemented corrective measures through	
	improved accountability mechanism assuring addresses necessary reporting	
	requirements for Performance Plan, Department's Strategic Plan, MIT and	
	President's Management Agenda	
2.6	Develop internal communications infrastructure	
2.7	Update plan monthly as necessary	
2.8	Meet with and/or inform GAO and OMB on progress and internal monitoring	
	regularly	
3	Reconcile FSA accounts to Department's general ledger within 30 days after month-end by 9/30/03	
3.1	Complete FSA reconciliations for FY03 for all Balance Sheet accounts using	
	Standard General Ledger (SGL)	
3.2	Transition FSA reconciliations to FSA Accounting Division Staff	
3.3	Identify resources and FTE's needed for FY03 reconciliation effort	
3.4	Review current reconciliation process to improve audit trail of data from	
	Operating Partners to FMS to Financial Management System Software (FMSS)	
	and from FMS to/from Grant Administration and Payment System (GAPS)	
3.5	Develop an automated methodology to reconcile cash transactions in FMS to the	
2.0	Treasury banking system	
3.6	Coordinate with OCFO to reconcile all Standard General Ledger (SGL) accounts	
0.7	for FSA appropriations	
3.7	Work with FSA system owners and Operating Partners to research and resolve	
	any reconciling differences	

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3.8	Work with FSA system owners and Operating Partners to resolve any systemic	
3.9	issues  Enhance FMS to populate all attributes needed for reconciliation	
3.10	Enhance FMS to populate all attributes needed for reconciliation  Enhance FMS to integrate the transaction ID from GAPS	
4	Implement the proper accounting structure and appropriate internal controls	
4	in all systems impacted by FSA's system integration and technology solution	
	initiatives	
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4.1	Establish board members to include operating and system accountants	
4.2	Establish meeting frequency	
4.3	Develop account validation framework for system development and ongoing	
	certification of accounting and program systems providing financial management	
4.4	data	
4.4	Review all accounting treatment to ensure compliance with Standard General	
4.5	Ledger (SGL) accounting	
4.5	Develop framework for measuring whether the accounting validation is working	
	by performing independent post production validation	
5	Develop trial balance capability for each operating partner (ACS, Raytheon,	
	EDS, COD) to facilitate and expedite the reconciliation process	
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5.1	Establish a system development workgroup, including ED-OCFO, FSA-CFO,	
	FSA Management and Program Area, Operating Partners, to develop detail	
	requirements specific to each program area	
5.1.1	Review and document each operating system (providing for consistency among	
F 2	and within systems)	
5.2	Develop chart of accounts for each operating partner (sub-accounts is pre-	
504	requisite) in FMS	
5.2.1	Develop Trial Balance at each Operating Partner	
5.3	Utilize an automated tool to balance and reconcile all financial transactions	
5.4	received from Operating Partners  Work with Operating Partner to balance and reconcile all financial transactions	
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5.5	Roll up support balances in Financial Statements	
5.6	Debt Management Collection System (DMCS) complies with FMS subsidiary	
	ledger reconciliation requirements	
6	Address material weaknesses and reportable conditions in audits	<b>\</b>
6.1	Strengthen financial reporting to ensure full compliance with OMB Circular A-123,	
	Management Accountability and Control, and Credit Reform guidance	
6.1.1	Ensure that the newly implemented financial management system supporting	
	FSA's financial management and reporting needs is working effectively and	
	adequately integrated with the Department's general ledger	
6.1.2	Use FMSS to produce a general ledger trial balance at the reporting group level	
	or at a consolidated level	
6.1.3	Identify, research, and correct account differences and validate proper posting	
6.1.4	Minimize use of manual adjustments to correct discrepancies, and maintain	
	sufficient documentation to support accuracy and completeness of adjustments,	
	including their preparation, review and approval	
6.2	Prepare/review quarterly and annual financial statements in accordance with	
	OMB form and content guidance 01-09	

6.2.1	Follow established policies and procedures for preparation of quarterly financial	
	statements, quarterly analysis of trial balance accounts and quarterly	
	reconciliation of feeder systems to FMS and from FMS to FMSS	
6.2.2	Define approaches to corroborate account balances for all significant accounts	
	on a monthly or more frequent basis, as appropriate. Ensure the accuracy of	
	reported account balances	
6.2.3	Maintain sufficient documentation to support differences in the subsidiary	
	records and the general ledger records	
6.2.4	Review trial balances and financial statements for follow up on unnatural	
	balances in financial statements	
6.2.5	Perform proper and timely reconciliation's of financial accounting records.	
	Identify, research, resolve and document reconciliation differences of all	
	significant accounts, both proprietary and budgetary, general ledger (GL) and	
	subsidiary, in a timely manner	
6.2.6	Verify accounting processes for FMS' new Lender Reporting System (LaRS)	
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6.2.7	Prepare quarterly Schedule 9 reports for loans receivable	
6.2.8	Use data mining and other approaches to search for duplicate payments and	
	research improper payments that are identified and refine internal controls in	
	response to such efforts	
6.3	With the implementation of Common Origination and Disbursement (COD),	
	remind schools that report Pell and DL disbursement data of the requirement to	
	complete verification of selected students	
6.4	Improve monitoring mechanism to reduce the repeat of prior material	
	weaknesses and reportable conditions	
6.4.1	Review auditor's report on financial statements and participate in the	
	development of plans and actions and milestones to address any outstanding	
	reportable conditions and Management Letter recommendations	
6.4.2	Hold regular meetings to review and discuss status of current actions	
	developed to respond to audit report recommendations	
7	Implement Form 2000 enhancements needed since original deployment in	
	October 2000	)
7.1	Gather user comments and requirements	
7.2	Validate and prioritize business requirements/enhancements	
7.3	Separate operational corrective actions identified in 2001 and 2002 from	
	enhancements	
7.4	Define and compile operational and enhancement requirements	
7.5	Add electronic corrections ability	
7.6	Validate processing outcomes through user testing and accounting treatment	
	verification	
7.7	Begin to integrate enhancements in Data Mart Release III build to create	
	integrated view for scorecard and submission reporting	
7.8	Manage work group and Steering Committee for business process corroboration	
8	Determine the scope of the Debt Management Collection System (DMCS)	
	reengineering	
8.1	Validate whether to recompete the contract with limited reengineering or pursue	
	increased reengineering through FSA system integration and new technology	
	solution initiatives	
8.2	Commence either a contract recompete or fully reengineering project to redeploy	
	the system	

9	Improve school's fund management, reconciliation, and close out processes	
9.1	Reduce time to deliver funds to schools	
9.2	Identify improvements and fill gaps in current operational procedures related to	
	reconciliation	
9.3	Implement systematic notifications and operational procedures related to	0
	disbursement to drawdown ratios	
9.4	Retire Pell's Recipient Financial Management System (RFMS) and the Direct	
	Loan Origination System (DLOS)	
10	Stabilize the Lender Application Process (LAP) and Lender Reporting System(LaRS)	
10.1	Validate submissions and financial processing through regression testing	
10.2	Verify the full performance functionality of the extensions built in Oracle Financial	
	Management System (FMS)	
10.3	Establish a CFO/Financial Partners operational management and integration	
	work group	
10.4	Check and analyze the quarterly submissions for all quarters in FY03 for	
	accuracy and proper accounting treatment and funding transactions	
10.5	Coordinate submissions, outcomes, remittance processing, and data quality with	
	regional reviews initiative scheduled for FY03	
11	Enhance Program Monitoring and Oversight	_
11.1	Develop and deliver an Enterprise-wide Program Monitoring Plan	<b>V</b>
44.0	Student Eligibility	
11.2	Student Applicant and Disbursement Data	
11.2.1	Develop a plan to continue to identify, measure and monitor applicant and	
44.0.0	payment error	
11.2.2	Implement Phase I of the plan	
11.2.3	Develop and deliver training to staff on needs analysis, verification and conflicting documentation	
	School Oversight	
11.3	Integrate School Information Systems	
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11.3.1	Reengineer and streamline Case Management and Oversight (CMO) business	
	processes to reduce decision making timeframe and achieve increased	
	consistency of outcomes	
11.3.1.1	Implement electronic audits and financial statements	
11.3.1.2	Define requirements and conceptual design for workflow tool to facilitate	
	processes (most likely Postsecondary Education Participation System (PEPS)	
	reengineering)	
11.3.2	Define measures for compliance/ oversight activities to demonstrate the	
	effectiveness of case management including technical assistance	
11.3.3	External Training	
11.3.3.1	Plan, design and build a "100 Series" of basic training for schools	
11.3.3.2	Develop and deliver a program integrity training for schools through a	
	combination of videoconferences , web-based training, and classroom	
	experiences	
11.4	Partner Oversight	
11.4.1	Enhance the use of available financial partner data by implementing Phase III of the Financial Partners Data Mart	
11.4.2	Continue enhanced oversight of lenders/servicers and guarantee agencies	_
	through improved consistency and risk management tools	
11.5	Risk Management and Default Prevention Strategies	

11.5.1	Demonstrate improved risk management and default prevention strategies	
12	Develop and standardize an integrated contract management approach that	
	utilizes performance measures that are directly linked to the business case objectives	
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12.1	Standardize approach and processes  Provide training and support to all project managers (PMs), Contracting Officer	
12.2	Representatives (CORs), all stakeholders and accountable contract entities on	
	the new process and performance measures that monitor business case	
	expectations/ outcomes against achieved results	
12.3	Pilot process with one project and refine process based upon pilot	
12.4	Implement new process across all projects	
12.5	Establish outcome-based performance measures and framework for FSA and	
	partners to manage performance	
12.5.1	Convene Performance Measures Working Group	
12.5.2	Develop industry best practice framework to manage performance	
12.5.3	Pilot proposed framework on measuring customer interaction	000
13	Create an Enterprise-level dashboard of productivity and performance metrics	
13.1	Develop a plan to identify metrics that are auditable, repeatable, can measure the	
	quality of business services and delivery at the aggregate and service delivery	
	level, and are compliant with the Statement of Federal Finance Accounting	
	Concepts and Standards (SFFACS), where appropriate	
13.2	Implement Phase 1 of this plan	
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	etc.) initiatives and actions to support FSA performance goals and One-ED	
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14.9	Assess the feasibility of implementing web-based Performance Management	
14.5	Process (PMP) that incorporates Education Department Performance Appraisal	
	System (EDPAS) and Individual Develop Plan (IDP)	
	Cystem (EBI 7.6) and maividual bevelop Flan (IBI )	
14.10	Add the career counseling component to FSA Career Zone	
14.10.1	Obtain adequate funding	
14.10.2	Determine the order of magnitude of the impacted employees	
14.10.3	Identify relevant employee support needs	
14.10.4	Work with Acquisitions and Contract Performance (ACP) to develop Statement	
	of Work (SOW) and the feasibility of interagency agreements.	
14.10.5	Award contract	
14.10.6	Develop/execute communications plan	
14.11	Ensure availability of physical space for service providers	
15	Implement integrated project management oversight for FSA's system	
	integration initiatives	
15.1	Provide program management support for FSA system integration and new	
	technology solution initiatives	
15.1.1	Issue a task order under the Modernization Partner Contract to ensure	
	continued support for integration, leadership, direction setting, reporting and	
	contract/subcontract management	
15.2	Formalize FSA Integration Group	
16	Define an enterprise-wide data strategy and high-level implementation	
	approach that addresses the business flow of data across the enterprise,	
	architecture, primary ownership, standards, management, access methods,	
	and quality	
16.1	Identify the strategic focus areas necessary to develop a cohesive enterprisewide data strategy	
16.2	Collaborate with all internal Department stakeholders and external stakeholders	
	to identify business needs and requirements with respect to the data provided to	
	FSA by others, provided by FSA to others, and managed by FSA	
16.2.1	Map the current state and future state business flow of data, as applicable,	
	across the enterprise	
16.2.1.1	Inventory legacy/operational data, including different databases and data	
	stores, to identify redundancy	
16.2.1.2	Determine where business data should be integrated	
16.2.2	Develop requirements and initial design for Common Identifiers for School and	
	Students.	
16.3	Determine Current Data Quality and Establish Target State Plan and Quality	
	Assurance Process	
16.3.1	Evaluate and identify data quality problems and identify correct source of data	
16.3.2	Develop a data cleansing plan based on cost, value and urgency	
16.3.3	Develop and administer a data quality process which ensures the FSA projects	
16.2.4	implement enterprise data standards and quality standards	
16.3.4	Establish an FSA data quality committee comprised of both business and	
	technical subject matter experts to ensure that enterprise data standards are	
16.4	addressed within each project	
16.4	Develop and enterprise-wide extensible markup language (XML) Technical Architecture Framework to enhance data sharing and standardization with our	
	external customers	

16.4.1	Develop an XML framework including: and FSA XML Vision, XML standards,	
	governance process, methodology, XML technical core components, sector	
	libraries, and schemas	
16.4.2	Develop and integrated sequencing plan that identifies when and how each	
	initiative will implement the XML framework as part of an overall enterprise data	$\bigcirc$
	integration plan	
16.4.3	Establish Common Record XML format	
16.4.4	Identify initial requirements and initial design for XML Institutional Student	
	Information Report (ISIR)	
16.4.5	Complete development activities to implement XML for ISIR for 2004-05	
16.5	Develop integrated Data warehouse and data mart strategy	
16.5.1	Develop Data Warehouse and Data Mart Vision	
16.5.2	Develop Data Warehouse and Data Mart Framework	
16.5.3	Develop technical standards and guidelines	
16.5.4	Develop a strategy for enterprise wide data sharing and distribution (data	
40.0	storage, management and access rights)	
16.6	Develop technical standards, conventions, and data management guidelines	
16.7	Review Security and Privacy Procedures and revise as necessary	
16.8	Develop an enterprise web services/portal strategy	
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# Appendix A - Project Status Report

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l <b>Green</b>	CFO	Obtain a clean audit op	inion on FSA's j	financial statements	
			2/11/2003	Both the Department and FSA received a clean opinion on the FY'02 audit. Multiple action plans and efforts will be put into place during FY'03 to improve our processes, analysis and reconciliations to enhance our probability of receiving a clean audit in FY'03.	100
			2/11/2003	Corrective action plans for findings of material weaknesses and internal control issues are due in 60 days.	100
				First quarter financial statements are due to CFO Monday, February for review and analysis. These statements are due to OMB by February 15th.	
			1/27/2003	Clean audit opinion was rendered on 1/27/03	100
			1/10/2003	Currently working with OCFO to achieve clean audit opinion. Ernest & Young (auditors) has delivered the official draft reports to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for review. OIG will deliver the official draft reports to OCFO/FSA January 10th. ED's consolidated written comments are due to OIG/E&Y by January 16th.	95
			12/27/200 2	Currently working with OCFO to achieve clean audit status	90
2 Yellow	coo	Develop and execute an	FY03 plan to go	et off the GAO High Risk List	
			2/7/2003	FSA was on GAO's High Risk List for FY 2003, issued January 30, 2003, supported by work ending and ongoing through December 2002. In January, FSA received a clean opinion on its FY 2003 financial statement audit - thus the major obstacle for being removed from the GAO High Risk List has been overcome, although not timely enough to affect the January 2003 GAO High Risk designation. However, the FSA is requesting a reconsideration of the designation in FY 2003, in consideration of the clean audit, the plans for continued financial management improvement, and the commitment by management to address the issues, as demonstrated in the FSA and Department Annual Plans, the Department's Strategic Plan and other more detailed plans. This item will remain yellow until we have assurance that GAO will provide us with an interim assessment. It will turn red if GAO decides not to provide us with an interim assessment. At this time the COO of GAO knows that there will be a formal request and is open to discussing the request internally.	25
			1/24/2003	Although the draft financial statement audit report indicates that FSA is going to receive a clean opinion (thus the major obstacle for getting off of the GAO High Risk List will have been overcome), until we have assurance that GAO will provide us with an interim assessment prior to the end of the fiscal year the project will remain yellow	10

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#### CFO Reconcile FSA accounts to Department's general ledger within 30 days after month-end close by 9/30/03

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**CFO** 

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2/11/2003	November reconciliations were completed in a timely manner. The FMSS preliminary trial balances have been received by FSA during the week of February 3rd. The December period reconciliaiton process has begun.	50
1/27/2003	Reconciliations (including analyzing and resolving differences) for the month of November are on schedule to be completed and approved within the 40-day goal of month-end close for the first quarter reconciliations. More specifically,  1) Initial work has begun on new methodology to reconcile the Direct Loan advance account. Coordinating with the Schools channel to reconcile from School (I.e., SAS, 732 report etc).  2) Forms 2000 November reconciliations are in the review process and will be forwarded to management for approval on 1/27/03.  3) FMS (pre) to FMS (post) reconciliations are in the review process and will be forwarded to management for approval on 1/27/03. This includes Direct Loan financing fund (x4253), FFELP liquidating fund (x0230) and financing fund (x4251).  4. FMS (post) to FMSS reconciliations are in the review process and will be forwarded to management for approval on 1/27/03. This includes Direct Loan financing fund (x4253), FFELP liquidating fund (x0230) and financing fund (x4251).  5. Initial work has begun on a new methodology to reconcile FSA grant funds for the FMS (pre) to FMS (post) and FMS (post) to/from GAPS and to FMSS.  FMS (post) to FMSS reconciliations are in the review process and will be forwarded to management for approval on 1/27/03. This includes Direct Loan financing fund (x4253), FFELP liquidating fund (x0230) and financing fund (x4251).  7. Support provided to ED to complete November DCMS reconciliations, which have been forwarded to management for review and approval.  8. Initial planning has begun to address the beginning balance differences as Reconciliations for the month of October have been performed and approved timely (within 45 days of month-end for first quarter reconciliations). All differences have been identified. These differences are being researched for resolution. The reconciliations for the month of November are in progress and are expected to be completed on time.	100
	A detailed project plan is being developed and is expected to be finalized the week of January 3rd.	00
Implement the proper accounting struct integration and technology solution init	ure and appropriate internal controls in all systems impacted by FSA's system iatives	
1/27/2003	A new team, "Program and System Development" will be formed and staffed within the CFO organization to focus primarily on meeting this initiative.	00

Project plan is being expanded and will be finalized by 1/13/03. A new team "Program and system Development" will be formed and staffed within the CFO organization to focus primarily on meeting this initiative.

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				A detailed project plan is being developed and is expected to be finalized the week of January 3rd.	00
5 Green	CFO	Develop trial balance coreconciliation process	apability for eac	ch operating partner (ACS, Raytheon, EDS, COD) to facilitate and expedite the	
			1/27/2003	NO CHANGE	00
			1/10/2003	Dependent on issues resolution in other tasks including defining sub-accounts for FSA activity. The project plan for developing trial balances will be prepared mid-February.	00
			12/27/200 2	CFO is in the process of finalizing a detailed project plan to develop and implement trial balance reporting capability for each operating partner. Draft plan expected 1/31/03.	00
6 Green	CFO	Address material weak	sesses and repor	table conditions in audits	
			2/5/2003	OIG and Ernest & Young have issued an unqualified opinion on the FY 02 FSA financial statements. All financial audit related corrective actions have been completed.	100
			1/27/2003	All corrective actions have been completed by 12/31/02 and closed in FSA's corrective action system. OCFO and OIG have concurred. Final draft of the financial statements and related notes were submitted on 12/31/02. Audit field work was completed on 01/02/03. FSA received the DRAFT audit opinion on 1/24/03.	98
			1/10/2003	All corrective actions have been completed by 12/31/02 and closed in FSA's corrective action system. OCFO and OIG concurrence is pending.	98
				Final draft of the financial statements and related notes were submitted on 12/31/02. Audit field work was completed on 01/02/03. FSA is waiting DRAFT auditor's opinion and internal control report which is due 01/10/03. FSA will provide a response to both the opinion and internal control review by	
			12/27/200 2	12 of the 13 audit (FY 2001 Financial Statement Audit) recommendations are scheduled to be completed by 12/31/02.	95

7 **FP** Implement Form 2000 enhancements needed since original deployment in October 2000

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Priority#	Channel	Action Item	Status Date	Progress Summary	% Complete
			2/7/2003	Project Team is assembled. Team is working on business case for IRB and preparing draft task order.	00
			1/24/2003	Business case approved by DSG and IPC. Pending IRB review and approval.	00
			1/10/2003	DSG review has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 1.7.2003.	00
				Business case submitted to DSG. Scheduled for review on Tuesday, 12.31.2002.	00
				Business case justification proceeding through internal review for presentation to DSG.	00
8 Green	STU	Determine the scop	oe of the Debt Manage	ement Collection System (DMCS) reengineering	
			2/7/2003	The decision not to recompete the DMCS contract as a stand alone was made. The re-engineering of DMCS will be rolled into the CSB initiative.	90
				With the final decision made relating to DMCS re-engineering as a separate initiative, work has begun for market research for an integrated solution for Common Services for Borrowers (CSB). The request for market research information is scheduled to be distributed no later than 2/28/03	
			1/24/2003	Decision will be made no later than 1/31/03. Discussions within Student Credit Management are occurring weekly.	80
9 <b>Green</b>	SCH	Improve school's fi	und management, reco	onciliation, and close out processes	
			2/7/2003	Steady progress is being made toward the project goal as a whole.	25
			1/27/2003	Overall project Percent Complete is at this point in the year still a straight proration (days elapsed / days in total period), because steady progress is being made toward the project goal as a whole.	21
				One milestone (9.2) is currently making this project yellow. We think the project is on track and ask that 9.2's completion date be pushed out to 6/30/03. Thanks for your consideration.	07

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10 Green	FP	Stabilize the Lender App	lication Proces	s (LAP) and Lender Reporting System(LaRS)	
			2/7/2003	Accenture deliverable was reviewed and accepted.	05
			1/24/2003	Pending deliverable approval by business unit (FPC).	05
			1/10/2003	NO CHANGE	05
			12/27/200 2	Approval received from DSG, IPC and Deputy Secretary Hansen.	05
			12/13/200	Funding approved by IPC as of 12.10.2002.	05
11	C00	Enhance Program Monii	oring and Over	rsight	
12 <b>Green</b>	ACP	Develop and standardize linked to the business cas		contract management approach that utilizes performance measures that are directly	
			1/10/2003	NO CHANGE	10
			12/13/200 2	We currently examining best-in-class contract performance management in Government as well as setting up meeting with other Government agencies to discuss their approach.	10
13  Green	ANAL	Create an Enterprise-lev	el dashboard o	f productivity and performance metrics	

Priority#	Channel	Action Item	Status Date	Progress Summary	% Complete
			2/7/2003	We met with COO to present the executive dashboard on 2/6/02. We've made some revision and hope to present it to management council shortly.	35
			1/24/2003	We have developed a straw man of the executive dashboard and will be finalizing it shortly. We are receiving data for a large portion of the "operational metrics" section and are working to secure "task order monitoring" and monthly budget data.	33
				We have developed and presented a straw man that will capture more detailed performance data to the Students, Schools, FP and CIO channels. Their staff are inventorying performance data as a first step in coming up with a final design.	
				The scope of the project has been defined and meetings to identify and collect the data for the measures will occur in January 2003.	05
14 Green	HR	Develop and/or impleme performance goals and C		ignment (business processes, skills, etc.) initiatives and actions to support FSA ves	
			1/24/2003	Completed business case for workforce alignment team. Will present to DSG on 1/30/03.	25
15 Yellow	COO	Implement integrated pro	oject manageme	ent oversight for FSA's system integration initiatives	
			1/24/2003	Still working to redefine Accenture's and FSA's roles and responsibilities reach agreement on level of effort and price	33
			1/10/2003	Need to reshape relationship with Accenture for Integration Leadership, Program Management and Contract Administration.	30
16 <i>Red</i>	CIO			and high-level implementation approach that addresses the business flow of data aary ownership, standards, management, access methods, and quality	

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		2/12/2003	Keith Wilson was recently appointed as the Project Manager for the Enterprise-Wide Data Strategy Workgroup. FSA team leaders are as follows: Overall Data Strategy - Keith Wilson, Paul Hill - 2nd chair, XML Framework - Holly Hyland, Technical Strategies - Denise Hill, Ganesh Reddy - 2nd chair, XML ISIR - Jeanne Saunders, Common Student ID - Jeanne Saunders, Routing ID - Paul Hill, SAIG Analysis - Keith Wilson. Team Leaders are currently recruiting team members from various areas of FSA to participate on their team.	05
			The Data Strategy Kickoff Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th @ 10:30 a.m. Accenture Conference Rm 221 A&B (CNN Building side) with all FSA/Accenture team leads and members.	
			2/06/03: Business Integration Group requested a presentation from the Data Strategy team to explain the scope and business objectives related to data work at a high level.	
		1/24/2003	This project is designated as red because several milestones are behind schedule and will not meet assigned deadlines.  Project remains on hold pending senior management discussion and direction. One single task order for entire data strategy initiative still to be awarded.	05
		1/10/2003	Proposed Business Justification (BJ) which covers a majority of the action items under this item was approved by the IPC on 12/18.	05
		12/13/200 2	A Proposed Business Justification (BJ) which covers a majority of the action items under this item was completed and presented to DSG on 11/26. BJ provided to channel managers and system integration group members. It is anticipated that the BJ will be presented to the IPC at upcoming meeting. However, once IPC approval is granted, this initiative will require completion and approval of a department business case. This process will be time consuming and is expected to negatively impact upon established action item completion dates. Therefore, the status during this reporting period is	00
17 <b>ST</b> U	Analyze Personal Identij	fication Numbe	r (PIN) issues related to enterprise wide management/architecture strategy	
Green		2/7/2003	1/29/03 Statement of Objectives were reviewed and forwarded back with comments. Comments were added to the statement of objects which were approved and sent forward.	07
		1/24/2003	Business Case Justification was presented to the DSG and IPC on 1/21 and 1/22. Approval was given by the IPC to conduct the ED PIN Re-Engineering Analysis. Statement of Objectives have been received and are currently being reviewed.	15
		1/10/2003	NO CHANGE	05
		12/27/200 2	A business case is being developed - second draft is currently being reviewed.	05

#### 18 CIO Create an overall FSA integrated security and privacy architecture

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1/24/2003	Agreement on a security and privacy architecture/standards document, including review and approval by the Business Integration Working Group by April 2003. Implementation of one or more proof-of-concept security services as part of the Integrated Technical Architecture by Sept. 2003.	05
1/10/2003	Work continues on still yet awarded Security Architecture task order.	05
1/3/2003	Task order not yet awarded. Still trying to find consultant with experience in security architectures and solutions common in commercial financial services industries (banking, insurance, loan servicing). Planning on using FSA Integration Group for security service requirements, instead of convening separate security group.	00
12/13/200 2	The current plan is to avoid a separate "FSA Security & Privacy Architecture Working Group" and make this a task of the "Integration Group". The central task will be developing a security/technology baseline what systems (hw/sw) are located where and how are they connected/protected. Providing a definition of security architecture framework which will explicitly include	00

Critical Infrastructure Protection and eGov/eAuth components will also be essential. CIO has requested several milestone completion dates for this item be changed since the anticipated start date of this action is 1/2/03 and several completion dates where targeted for 12/31/02. Therefore, the status of this item is being listed as yellow until clarification on whether or not

Develop and implement initial phases of an enterprise-wide customer service solution that incorporates best-in-business technology and enhanced business processes

requested date changes are accepted.

Red

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STU

On Friday, January 17, 2003, Accenture was notified that the current Task 2/7/2003 Order 77, Work Order 5 would be expiring on January 21st. Pursuant to that notification, Accenture has commenced a shutdown process for the CRM4FSA project and the Release 1 Pilot.

Included in the shutdown process are:

- · Notifying the Operating Partners that the Release 1 Pilot will be terminated and formulate a "current state" testing plan.
- · Returning calls to the current state
- · Dismantling the Operating Partner PBX and IVR changes specific to Release 1
- · Testing 800 numbers and Operating Partner IVRs
- · Shutting down the pilot reporting tool
- · Terminating subcontract agreements, and negotiating final payments

The Release 1 Pilot was successfully shut down on Saturday, February 1st.

While the CRM Target State Solution has been deemed "the right thing to do" by FSA, the estimates provided by Accenture, combined with FSA's limited

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20 Green	STU	Improve the management of student ai	d through data sharing and consolidating common borrower services and functions	
		2/7/2003	Initial analysis of common functions has been completed. Further drill down into the processes with occur with assitance from SMEs to validate actual common functions.	00
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			Our :quick hits" are on hold until approval from IPC	
		1/24/2003	UNFUNDED - 20.1 - Initial analysis of common functions has been completed. Further drill down into the processes with occur with assitance from SMEs to validate actual common fucntions.  20.2 - Initial analysis of interdependencies has been completed. Further drill down into the processes with occur with assitance from SMEs to validate actual common fucntions. Market research will conducted in February to ascertain best practices and validate findings from internal analysis.  20.3 - On hold until approval from IPC	05
21	STU	Define strategy for EDExpress reenging	neerina	
Green	510	Define strategy for EDExpress reength	ice ing	
Green				
		2/7/2003	The Business Justification for Re-engineering EDExpress has been written and will be presented to the DSG/IPC in the very near future to request funding to study database solutions, migrated standalone modules to the Web and conduct a Product Registration survey.	00
		1/24/2003	UNFUNDED A business justification is being written to present request to DSG/IPC to request funding to study database solutions and move standalone modules to the Web.	05
22	STU	Develop an outreach strategy for Aid .	Awareness in support of OPE and tied to "No Child Left Behind"	
23	STU	Upgrade technology and integrate Cen	ntral Processing System (CPS) across the enterprise	
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			1/24/2003	UNFUNDED On-going - A CPS Upgrade Analysis was completed and all scheduled test cycles for the FAFSA 7.0/ED PIN performance testing were completed. As of 1/24/03, all 23 planned performance test cycles covering 12 business processes have been executed and 4 additional cycles for Shadow Direct contingency testing have been executed.	05
24	CIO	Conduct NSLDS Analysi	is and begin pho	ased implementation of solution	
25	CIO	Complete the recommen 2002	dations outlined	d in the OIG audit (A07-C001) Audit of Enterprise Architecture, issued September 30,	
26	SCH	Evaluate our participati	on in all events		
27	SCH	Implement Master Prom	issory Note for	PLUS	
28	CFO	Enhance our cash transc	action process t	o accommodate OCFO procedures	
Green					

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			2/11/2003	The FSA Accounting Division is continuing it's weekly meetings with our Operating Partners and FSA Program Offices to identify root causes and solutions to clearing FSA's Fund Balance with Treasury (FBWT) unmatched schedules. Progress on the identification and corrections of our FBWT unmatched schedules is being tracked on individual project plans. Significant progress is being made on these work plans, and the Accounting Division has no concerns in not being able to complete prior to FY'03 fiscal year end.	60
			1/27/2003	In addition to working our various project plans we are complying with OCFO's procedures in submitting manual match corrections to the OCFO Financial Management Operations Division. It is our intention that the volume of manual matched request to OCFO FMO will decrease once many of the business processes and systemic issues are completed in the various Accounting Division has initiated weekly meetings with all Operating Partners to identify all internal control weaknesses associated with cash transactions. FSA Accounting Division and Operating Partners have created individual Project Plans to track the implementation of all proposed cash related business processes and systemic internal control improvements. Operating Partners have begun to implement various internal control improvements for summary deposit and consolidation transactions.	25
			1/10/2003	FSA Accounting Division has initiated weekly meetings with all Operating Partners to identify all internal control weaknesses associated with cash transactions. FSA Accounting Division and Operating Partners have created individual Project Plans to track the implementation of all proposed cash related business processes and systemic internal control improvements.	20
29	FP			tance Partnerships (LEAP)/Supplemental Leveraging Educational Assistance S to enable direct electronic data exchange with GAPS and enhance the operational	
30 Yellow	CFO			Improve FMS internal processes, progs, controls. Support reconcil. b/w FSA Op. Prtnrs, ate w/FSA reengineered systems & perform upgrade analysis & implement Oracle Fed	
			2/11/2003	30.2 Integrate the transaction ID from GAPS - on schedule (TO119) Deliverable 119.1.1 FMS FY'03 Release 2.1 - Approved. Status green 45% completed. 30.3 Enhance FMS Operations Processing - funding approved. (Reengineering splitter and FMS/FMSS interface process). Draft technical specifications to be presented to Terri Shaw on Wednesday, February 12th. No firm requirements defined. Yellow 10% completed. 30.5 Implemented Guarantee Agency Forms 2000 - funding approved. Meeting to finalize technical proposal. Business case completed. Development in 2 phases. (Phase 1 - yellow 10% completed, Phase 2 - yellow 5% completed). 30.6 Implement Program Change Request - Meeting weekly with operating partners to resolve outstanding issues. Program developed and issues logs tracked. Yellow 20% completed.	40

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			10/2003	30.2 Integrate the transaction ID from GPAS - on schedule (TO119) Deliverable 119.1.1 FMS FY'03 Release 2.1 - Interface Functional Designs delivered and being reviewed for approval. Final sign off due by 1/29. Green 35% completed. 30.3 Enchance FMS Operations processing - Funding approved. (Reengineering splitter and FMS/FMSS interface process). Meeting with OCFO Budget to finish defining requirements. Requirements gathering still in process. Requested at ATP to begin work. Yellow 5% completed. 30.4 Implemented Federal Administrator - Unfunded - No action. 30.5 Implement Guaranty Agency Forms 2000 - Funding approved. Meeting to develop Technical Proposal - Yellow 5% completed. 30.6 Implement Program Change Request - Meeting weekly with Operating Partners to resolve outstanding issues. Program developed and issues logs being tracked. Yellow 10% completed. 30.7 Implement FSA/Title IV Web-based (Drawdown) capability and award process - Unfunded - no action. 30.1 Oracle 8i Database Upgrade - Completed 01/05/03 - Greem 100% 30.2 Integrate the transaction ID from GPAS - Funding approved. Task Order 119 awarded to Accenture. Functional detail designs completed (5 interfaces to be modified). On schedule per the project plan. Green, 30% completed. 30.3 Enhance FMS Operations processing - Funding approved . Reengineering splitter and FMS/FMSS interface process. Meeting with FMS,OCFO, Budget and A/D to define requirements. Requirements gathering still in process. Yellow, 0% completed. 30.4 Implement Federal Administrator - Unfunded - No action. 30.5 Implement Guaranty Agency Forms 2000 - Funding approved by DSG. Presented to the IPC. Not approved - outstanding issues to resolve. Status - Resolve issues and present to the IPC 1/14/03. Yellow, 0% completed. 30.6 Implement Program Change Requests - Change request (CRs) are being prioritized and worked as resources are available. Have completed/closed 20 CRs since 12/17/02. Currently have 63 open CRs however, many appear to contain obsolete requirements/requests. Green,	30
31  Green	CIO	Support ED, customers and be initiatives	usiness part	tners by participating in the President's Management Agenda E-Government	
		1/2		Charlie Coleman, Project Supervisors, and staff are finalizing Microsoft Project Plans for CIO Strategic item 14.	05
32  Green	CFO	Develop an automated tool to effectively manage those reso		budgetary resources for FSA's programs and to provide management with the data to	
		2 <i>l</i> -		Work on this item is being coordinated with activities under CFO-4. Budget Service has requested that FSA align it's fund control with the Departments and develop the FFEL "splitter" to Budget Services and FSA's mutual satisfaction. These are current works in progress. When these fund management and reporting issues are resolved, we will examine tools to use so the FSA's program funds are entered automatically into FMS.	50
		1/2		Proposed project completion date of 3/31/03.	00

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1/10/2003 A meeting with Budget Service stakeholders William Graham and LarryKean to determine their concerns, preliminary. Development of 32.1 work plan: "Determine requirement for program fund management that are consistent with legislative and OMB requirements. Proposed project completion date is March 31, 2003. Meeting with accounting and DEVA personnel to establish that opening balances are correct for Program funds - ongoing.

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# Appendix B - Milestone Status Report

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### ${ m COO}$ Develop and execute an FY03 plan to get off the GAO High Risk List

### 3 Validate plan with FSA Senior Leaders, Department Advisors and share with GAO and OIG

Green COO 12/13/2002 100

The FY 2003 High Risk Plan was finalized as part of the Performance Plan process in November 2002.

Demonstrate progress in having implemented corrective measures through improved accountability mechanism assuring addresses necessary reporting requirements for Performance Plan, Department's Strategic Plan, MIT and President's Management Agenda

Yellow COO 2/7/2003 30

The 1st quarter FY 2003 President's Management Agenda update was official released by OMB which indicated that the High Risk Status improved to a yellow and the progess has improved to a green.

Yellow COO 12/13/2002 0:

FSA worked with the MIT to develop a format for reporting to OMB on a quarterly or more frequent basis (This reporting will support other information sharing needs on progress). First reports on the status of projects are due from responsible managers 12/13/2002.

6 Develop internal communications infrastructure

Red COO 2/7/2003 00

No progress has been made on this milestone item, although some internal communications have been provided in FSA Communication documents. Action owner should be changed to Marianna

7 Update plan monthly as necessary

Green COO 2/7/2003 33

Issues list being updated based on FY 2003 Performance and Accountability Challenges and High-Risk Series Reports. Initial review indicates that plans and commitments by FSA to improve its planning and reporting processes; the clean financial statement audit; the Departments Enterprise Architecture framework and FSA's Consistent Data Framework; and the Department's human capital management plan will address outstanding issues - thus supporting a request for reconsideration of the SFA programs high risk designation, particularly in light of the recent clean opinion and the management commitment to invest in financial management and maintain the financial integrity of the Department's financial management systems.

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Green COO 1/10/2003 25

GAO-03-241 Report on COD (Pell Grant & DL Integration) issued 12/31/02 that may contain information to be considered in January/February update.

### 8 Meet with and/or inform GAO and OMB on progress and internal monitoring regularly

Green COO 2/7/2003 25

GAO Relations - Finalized response to draft audit and provided GAO information on outstanding loan portfolio to faciliate a more balanced presentation of FSA's Default Management and Prevention Strategies to be used in an audit report scheduled to be issued 2/15/03. Regarding Letter to GAO - Updated based on issuance of FY 2002 Financial Statement Audit and 1/30/03 GAO Management Challenges and SFA Program High Risk Reports to assure that issues are appropriately address prior to requesting a mid-cycle determination. Additional analysis and conversations with GAO being held on recently issued High Risk Series update. Final letter for request for reconsideration to go out for comments by 2/15/2003 to FSA managers.

OMB Relations - OCIO and FSA-CIO held a meeting 1/30/03 with OMB on the Department's Enterprise Architecture. Meeting was successful in demonstrating the Department's framework, which includes FSA. Similar briefing requested for GAO in February.

OIG Relations - Forwarded IG request additional ideas for workplan items to address FSA needs, as a follow-up to the COO's meeting with the IG..

Green COO 12/13/2002 25

GAO Relations - On 11/25/02, senior FSA and Department managers met with GAO to discuss the SFA programs High Risk Plan status, and provide information on why the designation should be removed. The High Risk Plan and other supporting documents and accomplishments were provided to GAO at that time, to be followed by a written request. At a 12/10/02 GAO exit conference on Department Management Challenges, GAO managers stated that the SFA programs would be designated high risk in their January 2003 update. The Department requested that if FSA gets a clean opinion on its FY 2002 financial statements that GAO review the SFA programs Performance Plan and accomplishments after 6/30/03 for consideration of a mid-year determination. Our request is currently under considered. The written document drafted as a result of the 11/25/02 meeting is being redrafted to reflect the results of this meeting.

OMB Relations - A meeting was held with OMB on 11/21/02 to discuss the first quarter's accomplishments on the President's Management Initiatives and Program Initiatives. Preliminary discussions with OMB on their first quarter 2003 draft report indicate that if the status grade for the Department's financial management initiative is raised that the High Risk status could also be raised as the accomplishments and plans to address issues are apparent.

- 5 STU Develop trial balance capability for each operating partner (ACS, Raytheon, EDS, COD) to facilitate and expedite the reconciliation process
  - 6 Debt Management Collection System (DMCS) complies with FMS subsidiary ledger reconciliation requirements

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Milestone# **Action Item** Channel Status Date %Complete Green STU 1/24/2003 35 Semi weekly meetings are being held with contractor, CFO staff and DMCS staff to address trial balance reporting and current recons issues. Weekly meetings are occurring with CFO, contractors (ACS and EDS) to address the trial balance request and also the recon issues for the CFO. STU 1/10/2003 Green 05 NO CHANGE Green STU 12/27/2002 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/13/2002 05

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### 8 STU Determine the scope of the Debt Management Collection System (DMCS) reengineering

Validate whether to recompete the contract with limited reengineering or pursue increased reengineering through FSA system integration and new technology solution initiatives

Green STU 2/7/2003 100

The decision not to recompete the DMCS contract as a stand alone was made. The re-engineering of DMCS will be rolled into the CSB initiative.

Green STU 1/24/2003 95

Decision will be made no later than 1/31/03. Discussions within Student Credit Management are occurring weekly.

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/13/2002 05

Decision will be made no later than 1/31/03. Discussions within Student Credit Management are occurring weekly.

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#### 2 Commence either a contract recompete or fully reengineering project to redeploy the system

STU 2/7/2003 Green 85

> With the final decision made relating to DMCS re-engineering as a separate initiative, work has begun for market research for an integrated solution for Common Services for Borrowers (CSB). The request for market research information is scheduled to be distributed no later than 2/28/03.

Green STU 1/24/2003 75

> Decision will be made no later than 1/31/03. Discussions within Student Credit Management are occurring weekly.

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

NO CHANGE

STU Green 12/13/2002 05

> Decision will be made no later than 1/31/03. Discussions within Student Credit Management are occurring weekly.

#### SCH Improve school's fund management, reconciliation, and close out processes

#### 1 Reduce time to deliver funds to schools

Green	SCH	2/7/2003	25
	Work to reduce delivery time continues.		
Green	SCH Work to reduce delivery time continues.	1/24/2003	21
Green	SCH	1/10/2003	16

Work to reduce delivery time continues.

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Green SCH 12/13/2002 07

COD and program operations employees began meeting with FSA's new CFO about the need to improve interfaces and revisit joint operations shortly after her arrival in November. This conversation will continue throughout FY03.

Also in November, COD Customer Service began calling schools that had not substantiated drawdowns within the first two weeks to remind them of the required reporting timeframes for Pell and Direct Loan. That call is the first in a sequence of planned notifications that will be triggered routinely in the future by a school's failure to report.

### 2 Identify improvements and fill gaps in current operational procedures related to reconciliation

Green SCH 2/7/2003 25

Staff met with FSA/CFO system contact to begin inventorying COD/FMS interface procedures that allow errors to be worked predictably and systematically. Work to identify improvements and fill gaps continues.

Green SCH 1/24/2003 25

CFO has identified project liaison to Schools project lead, and the two parties have agreed that working through roles and responsibilities for COD and FMS is top priority. Scope and scheduling are under discussion. Staff team has been inventorying current reconciliation procedures as they relate to Pell and Direct Loan and is comparing written procedures with what is actually happening.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 16

A staff team has been established and kicked off today. Initial meeting with CFO will be scheduled Monday. Team lead is developing project plan.

Green SCH 12/27/2002 10

Previously we asked for the end date to be pushed out to 6/30/02. However, the decision has been made to complete the project in-house, making the 3/31/02 end date satisfactory and upgrading the status to green (since we will not have to go through the contracting process).

Yellow SCH 12/13/2002 07

Title IV Delivery has drafted a SOO for a short consulting contract to revisit handoffs, given the ripple effect of changes that accompanied the implementation of COD (including a new customer service unit in Niagara Falls, NY). A short list of local contractors who specialize in this area has been derived from the GSA Schedule. We expect to put the contract out for bid in mid-January.

# 3 Implement systematic notifications and operational procedures related to disbursement to drawdown ratios

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 90

Work on the queuing process continues.

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Yellow	SCH	1/24/2003	80
	substantiated) is currentl conscious decision has b currently scheduled for A status to yellow. Howeve	(that will trigger calls to schools 60 days after drawdown y in testing. This is reflected in the jump in Pct. Comple een made to defer implementation until release 2.0 (03-pril 7. Due to the deferral of this automated function, we er, COD CSRs have been running weekly reports and ca couple of months (I.e., a manual process will continue to aces it).	te. However, a 04) comes up, e are changing illing schools that are
Green	SCH	1/10/2003	16
	NO CHANGE		
0	SCH	12/27/2002	10
Green	NO CHANGE	12/2//2002	10
	NO CHANGE		
Green	SCH	12/13/2002	07
		has begun sending e-mail warnings to schools with unsu ted queueing in COD that will trigger calls to schools at 0 ary 2003.	
4	Retire Pell's Recipient Financi (DLOS)	cial Management System (RFMS) and the Direct Loan C	Origination System
Green	SCH	2/7/2003	25
	Preparations are progress	sing on schedule.	
Green	SCH	1/24/2003	21
	Preparations are progress	sing on schedule.	
Green	SCH	1/10/2003	16
	NO CHANGE		
Green	SCH	12/27/2002	10
	NO CHANGE		

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Green SCH 12/13/2002 07

Final-phase planning on all aspects of both system retirements began October 1 and has concluded. We are on track to begin the migration to COD of prior-year Pell data in June/July 2003. Direct Loan data will be archived as follows: years prior to 2001-02 in Spring 2003; 2001-02 by September 2003 (because closure is contingent on booking of final Borrower-Based Academic Year loans).

### 10 FP Stabilize the Lender Application Process (LAP) and Lender Reporting System(LaRS)

### 3 Establish a CFO/Financial Partners operational management and integration work group

Green FP 1/10/2003 05

Work group participants have been identified.

Green FP 12/27/2002 05

Working to identify participants in work group.

### 11 ANAL Enhance Program Monitoring and Oversight

### 1 Develop and deliver an Enterprise-wide Program Monitoring Plan.

Green ANAL 1/24/2003 100

The Director of Grants, Policy and Oversight staff in the Deputy Secretary's office acknowledged receipt of FSA's report on 12/31/03. They will get back to FSA with any comments.

Green ANAL 12/27/2002 100

Report completed on December 27th, will be submitted to the Director of Grants, Policy, and Oversight Staff on December 31st.

Green ANAL 12/13/2002 25

A meeting was held on November 20 with appropriate channel managers or their designees to discuss the requirements of the Annual Monitoring Report. A template was developed and distributed to attendees on November 20 requesting that it be fielded and returned by December 16. The template asks what is being monitored; how; why; and what is done with the findings. The results will be used to develop FSA's report to be submitted by December 30, 2002.

### 2 Student Applicant and Disbursement Data

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Yellow	STU	1/24/2003	10
		FSA staff plans to meet with contractor staff to develop a schat improvements we can make to it.	chedule for this
Green	STU	1/10/2003	05
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	12/27/2002	05
	Reporting protocol are	being established.	
2.1	Develop a plan to continue	e to identify, measure and monitor applicant and payment er	ror
Green	STU	1/24/2003	10
	Applicant Data." Now	pproved the Proposed Business Justification called "Improve that we have approval for the initiatives outlined in that PBJ, to begin mapping out the next steps, including developing a	, AP has scheduled
Green	STU	1/10/2003	05
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	12/27/2002	05
	A Proposed Bsuiness	Justification is being developed.	
2.3	Develop and deliver training	ng to staff on needs analysis, verification and conflicting doc	umentation.
Green	SCH	1/24/2003	25
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Green SCH 1/10/2003 25

The Verification Assessment Module was completed and a draft shared with schools at the EAC conferences. It was very well received. This Module is a part of a set of self-assessment tools for schools to use to voluntarily check their own compliance and find ways to enhance their administrative activities.

FSA U sent CMO copies of their training for schools. We can use portions of that to train staff on verif & conflicting documentation. We are analyzing data to identify schools with potential verification issues, which the Case Teams will focus on in 2003. We are also developing a training of trainers, a training agenda, review prototype, and case studies to use in training staff on these

Green SCH 12/27/2002 20

Held discussion with FSA U staff on using their materials for portions of the staff training.

Green SCH 12/13/2002 20

Please re-assign to Edwards/Coombs.

3.1 Reengineer and streamline Case Management and Oversight (CMO) business processes to reduce decision making timeframe and achieve increased consistency of outcomes

Green SCH 2/7/2003 05

Testing of enhancements (edits) to permit accelerated recertification of school eligibility is scheduled for Feb 11 - 12.

Green SCH 1/24/2003 05

The business case was presented to the DSG on 1-16 and 1-21, and to the IPC on 1-22, and funding approved.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 25

accelerated recert, comments are due to the contractor on 1-10-03 on requirements document.

Green SCH 12/27/2002 20

accelerated recert, no change

Green SCH 12/13/2002 20

CMO is designing, developing, and implementing an accelerated recertification process for school eligiblity decisions. Those schools that have no issues can be processed using streamlined automated procedures to increase efficiency. Requirements definition was completed Nov 19, 2002.

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### 3.1.1 Implement electronic audits and financial statements

Green SCH 2/7/2003 85

On January 29, 2003, the eZ-Audit Project Team briefed representatives from the Federal Clearinghouse, OGC and OIG on the eZ-Audit System. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the FAC and eZ-Audit can form a collaborative working arrangement. FAC believes that this is "doable" from an operational standpoint, and sees some real benefits to their business process. FSA has a meeting scheduled with OMB on Feb 10, 2003, to reach agreement on how Education will require intuitions filing under A-133 to provide electronic submissions, at least to Education.

Green SCH 1/24/2003 80

On January 9, 2003, the eZ-Audit Project Team briefed Senior FSA and OPE management on the eZ-Audit System. User Acceptance Testing is scheduled for February 18-20 & 25-27, 2003. Training for all FSA users is scheduled to begin the week of March 12th in the Chicago regional office.

# 3.1.2 Define requirements and conceptual design for workflow tool to facilitate processes (most likely Postsecondary Education Participation System (PEPS) reengineering)

Green SCH 2/7/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green SCH 1/24/2003 05

As part of the CMO re-engineering project, the business case was presented to the DSG on 1-16 and 1-21, and to the IPC on 1-22, and funding approved.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 02

A business case that addresses workflow tool planning as part of CMO reengineering is scheduled to go to the DSG on 1/14/03 and possibly the IPC 1/15/03.

### 3.2 Define measures for compliance/ oversight activities to demonstrate the effectiveness of case management including technical assistance

Green SCH 2/7/2003 50

Data is still being checked for completeness and accuracy.

Green SCH 1/24/2003 50

3 of the measures have been calculated and are in draft. The back up data is being subjected to a quality check.

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Green SCH 1/10/2003 25

Held con call with Phil Maestri , MIT, on 12/30/02 & shared measures. Have begun calculating the FY 2002 measures.

Green SCH 12/27/2002 20

Held con call with Pat Howard & Chris Vierling, IG, on 12/19/02 & shared measures. Rec'd comments on 12-20-02.

Green SCH 12/13/2002 20

Compliance measures have been drafted. Held mtg on 12/10/02 with Linda Paulsen on the measures. Mtg with the IG scheduled for 12/17/02 to share measures.

### 3.3 External Training

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 30

External training currently in progress: 1) Fundamentals of Title IV Administration (formerly Precertification and New FAA Training). These workshops are offered approximately one per month in various locations, and are attended by new schools seeking certification and by less experienced FAAs

- 2) Delivery System 2003-04 and Student Eligiblity Basics
- 3) EDExpress Application Processing.

Training programs in development:

- 1) FSA COACH 2002-03
- 2) EDExpress Pell and Direct Loan Processing

Green FSAU 12/27/2002 20

External training is ongoing.

Green FSAU 12/13/2002 10

External training is ongoing.

### 3.3.1 Plan, design and build a "100 Series" of basic training for schools

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 20

The results of a stakeholder/advisor survey have been compiled. In the next few weeks, the project team expects to develop an outine proposing courses to be included in the core curriculum.

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Green FSAU 1/24/2003 15

The project team completed a survey of stakeholders and advisors to collect feedback and recommendations regarding topics, delivery methods, and audience for the "100 Series." Results are being compiled for presentation to the team.

Green FSAU 12/27/2002 10

The 100 series of basic courses on student aid administration will provide the foundation knowledge that all financial aid professionals need to acquire by the end of their first year. The development team was formed in September 2002, and has begun research to establish a baseline for the type and number of courses needed.

# 3.3.2 Develop and deliver a program integrity training for schools through a combination of videoconferences , web-based training, and classroom experiences

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 30

Workshops for Delivery System training and Student Eligiblity Basics continue through the middle of March. EDExpress Application Processing continues through early April. Web-based training for EDExpress is on schedule to go live at the end of February. FSA COACH for 2002-03 is scheduled for release in March.

Green FSAU 1/24/2003 30

Three classroom-based training programs are in progress: Delivery System, Student Eligibility Basics, and EDExpress Application Processing (for intermediate-level users of the software). EDExpress Basics, which is web-based training for new users to learn basic EDExpress functions, is on schedule for release in February.

Green FSAU 12/27/2002 20

Delivery System and Student Eligibility training workshops continue in mid-January. The first workshops for EDExpress Application Processing training begin in mid-January.

Green FSAU 12/13/2002 20

Program integrity training for schools is ongoing. Most recently two videoconferences gave information about changes to the 2003-04 delivery system to college and high school personnel. Classroom training on student eligibility basics and delivery system changes will begin in December and continue through March in 65 locations nationwide

# 4.1 Enhance the use of available financial partner data by implementing Phase III of the Financial Partners Data Mart

Green FP 2/7/2003 00

Presentation of this business justification to DSG was deferred pending outcome of FSA Management discussion on data sources for FP Data Mart. Presentation now scheduled for Monday, 2.10.2003.

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Green	FP	1/24/2003	00
	Meeting scheduled to presentation on Thurs	discuss draft business case review. Tentatively scheduled forday, 1.30.2003.	or DSG
Green	FP	1/10/2003	00
	Continuing with review	v of draft business case in preparation for DSG presentation.	
Green	FP	12/27/2002	00
	Draft business case in review at 1.9.2003 me	n internal review. Pending submission to DSG. Tentatively sceeting.	cheduled for DSG
Green	FP	12/13/2002	00
	Business case justifica	ation for FP Data Mart Release III is in work.	
	Continue enhanced overs consistency and risk man	sight of lenders/servicers and guarantee agencies through impagement tools	proved
Green	FP	2/7/2003	17
	of 2.3.2003. A con-ca review. The following	nducted at the Alabama Commission on Higher Ed and the Al all will be held on 2.12.03 to discuss the findings/outcomes of servicers are scheduled to be reviewed 2.10.03 and 2.24.03, nal Loans, Educaid, and Higher Education Servicing Corp.	the Alabama
Green	FP	1/24/2003	13
	debriefing was conduct review staff, as well as	underway. The New Mexico SLGC and Vermont SAC reviews cted for both reviews. Findings and observations were discus s recommended corrective actions. Next on the review calend on Higher Ed and the Arkansas SLGF. Both of these review	sed with entire dar are the
Green	FP	1/10/2003	00
	First scheduled Nation Wednesday, 1.22.200	nal Review is the New Mexico SLGC. A debriefing meeting is 3.	set for
Green	FP	12/27/2002	00
	Teams and schedules	s established. National reviews will commence on Monday, 0	1.06.2003.
Green	FP	12/13/2002	00

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FY03 Review List completed and review teams assigned.

#### Milestone# Action Item

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## 5 Risk Management and Default Prevention Strategies

Green STU 1/24/2003 32

Sent letters to several Guaranty Agenices requesting a sharing of information of Best Practices. Received a positive response from 3 major "players". Reviewing calendar ro set up initial sharing meeting. A library of best practices gathered by Collections Dept. during the past year with visits to GAs is forthcoming this month. A integrated approach plan for Portfolio/Risk Management will be drafted no later than 3/15/03.

### 5.1 Demonstrate improved risk management and default prevention strategies

Green STU 1/24/2003 32

Sent letters to several Guaranty Agenices requesting a sharing of information of Best Practices. Received a positive response from 3 major "players". Reviewing calendar ro set up initial sharing meeting. A library of best practices gathered by Collections Dept. during the past year with visits to GAs is forthcoming this month. A integrated approach plan for Portfolio/Risk Management will be drafted no later than 3/15/03.

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

Action plans are being refined to insure and validate the integrated approach for scope, success measurements, internal and external participants.

# 12 STU Develop and standardize an integrated contract management approach that utilizes performance measures that are directly linked to the business case objectives

5 Establish outcome-based performance measures and framework for FSA and partners to manage performance

Yellow STU 2/7/2003 05

Please see project #12 update for details.

Yellow STU 1/24/2003 05

Current Status -- Performance measures framework was being established around CRM4FSA. Due to project cancellation, the Students Channel will work with Acquisitions and Contracts Performance to determine a viable alternative and next steps.

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Green	STU	1/10/2003	05
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	12/27/2002	05
Green			05
	Project initiated on 10/2/0		
5.1	Convene Performance Meas	sures Working Group	
Yellow	STU	2/7/2003	05
	Please see project #12 u	pdate for details.	
Yellow	STU	1/24/2003	05
	Current Status Perform project cancellation, the determine a viable alternation	nance measures framework was being established aroun Students Channel will work with Acquisitions and Contra ative and next steps.	d CRM4FSA. Due to cts Performance to
Green	STU	1/10/2003	05
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Green	STU NO CHANGE	12/27/2002	05
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	12/13/2002	05
		s Working Group was established with representatives from the meetings have occurred.	om the entire FSA
5.2	Develop industry best practic	ce framework to manage performance	
Yellow	STU	2/7/2003	05

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Please see project #12 update for details.

Milestone#

Yellow STU 1/24/2003 05

Current Status -- Performance measures framework was being established around CRM4FSA. Due to project cancellation, the Students Channel will work with Acquisitions and Contracts Performance to determine a viable alternative and next steps.

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

**Action Item** 

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/13/2002 05

Initial work has included developing an inventory of all customer interaction performance measures from current contracts. The inventory has been drafted, and measures are now being categorized.

#### 5.3 Pilot proposed framework on measuring customer interaction

Yellow STU 2/7/2003 05

Please see project #12 update for details.

Yellow STU 1/24/2003 05

Current Status -- Performance measures framework was being established around CRM4FSA. Due to project cancellation, the Students Channel will work with Acquisitions and Contracts Performance to determine a viable alternative and next steps.

# 14 FSAU Develop and/or implement workforce alignment (business processes, skills, etc.) initiatives and actions to support FSA performance goals and One-ED objectives

## Begin to align with/participate in One-ED

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 80

No Change. The One-ED team still expects to present their final report on a date in February to be determined.

Green FSAU 1/24/2003 80

The team is at the last stage of preparing a business case analysis. They are scheduled to present their final report to the EMT in mid-February.

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Milestone#	Action Item		0/6
	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	FSAU	12/27/2002	50
	The One-ED team is fir	nalizing the business case analysis.	
Green	FSAU	12/13/2002	10
		is ongoing. The FSAU team has completed its process mapping and reparing the business case analysis.	t
Green	HR	12/13/2002	10
	Assigned two HR emplo	oyees to work on Department One Ed team (6 month details).	
10	Add the career counseling	component to FSA Career Zone	
Green	HR	2/7/2003	50
Green		funding. Will work with C&A to develop SOW	30
	Dog and for approved	Talliang, The Holl Hall Call Hold activity Con-	
Green	HR	1/24/2003	50
		nselors have approved and set aside . ate to with Contracts and Acquisitions to develop SOW.	
Green	HR	12/13/2002	10
	Presented business cas	se to DSG for obtaining services of career counselors for Career Zon	e.
	Career Zone space for	career counselors approximately 75% completed.	
10.1	Obtain adequate funding		
Green	HR	2/7/2003	100
	Funding approved by IC	CP	
Yellow	HR	1/24/2003	25
	Will present business c	ase to DSG on 1/30/03.	

# 11 Ensure availability of physical space for service providers

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Milestone#	Action Item		
	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	HR	2/7/2003	75
	Space on 7th floor a	pprox. 80% complete. May need to find alternate location in UPC	
3	Define HR systems requ	uirements and work with ED (Time and Attendance, Retirement)	
Green	HR	12/13/2002	10
	Attended two meeting	ngs with FSA and Dept personnel regarding futureHR systems automatic	on needs.
4	Align functions, unit consolutions	nfiguration, and work responsibilities with new system integration and tec	hnology
Green	FP	2/7/2003	00
	No update for this re	eporting period. Waiting for announcement of kick-off meeting.	
Yellow	STU	2/7/2003	00
	The students channel no longer has this need due to CRM4FSA is not being funded - and that was the "driver" for this action item. Another "driver" was CSB (Common Services for Borrowers), in Student Credit Management. Since SCM is moving to Borrower Services in the reorganization, the Students Channel has no role.  We will continue to support FSAU and HR, and use their resources as appropriate, but we no longer will need to report.		
Green	FP	1/24/2003	00
	No update for this re	eporting period.	
Green	CIO	1/10/2003	10
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	1/10/2003	05
	NO CHANGE		
Green	STU	12/27/2002	05
	Student's representa	atives and reporting personel have been assigned.	

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Green CIO 12/13/2002 00

CIO Mgt held two initial meetings the week of 12/2/02 working on this issue. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for 1/15/03.

### 5 Expand Career Zone (CZ) offerings to include new system and technology solutions

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 20

A CZ tech class on COD is scheduled for February 25. Opening of the CZ facility is still expected in March.

Green FSAU 1/24/2003 10

Business case for the Career Zone was approved. CZ Tech classes continue along with other skill exchanges. The official opening of the Career Zone facility in Union Center Plaza is tentatively scheduled for March.

Green FSAU 12/27/2002 10

Awaiting business case approval

Green FSAU 12/13/2002 10

Awaiting business case approval. However, several milestones are already in progress: The Career Zone tech courses are ongoing, and the first course in "Title IV Basics" for staff that will be offered through the CZ is in development. Topic is the Pell Grant Program.

# 5.1 Expand Career Zone offering to include Title IV basics - programs, delivery system, negotiated rulemaking. Build and deliver "Partnering for Performance" sessions

Green FSAU 2/7/2003 20

A regulatory update session for UCP staff was presented on January 28. A new class on basic Federal Acounting is scheduled to begin in February. The class consists of ten, morning-long sessions that will be offered over a course of ten weeks.

Green FSAU 1/24/2003 10

A regulatory update session for UCP staff is scheduled for January 28. One of Franklin Covey's professional development clasees, "Four Roles of Leadership," was recently offered. Introductory Title IV program courses are under development,

#### 6 Review, update and use the FSA skills catalog

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em –			
Milestone#	Action Item		
	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	10
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	10
	The business case was	s approved, and meetings are underway to determine strategy.	
Green	FSAU	12/27/2002	10
	Awaiting business case	e approval	
Green	FSAU	12/13/2002	10
	Zone tech courses are	e approval. However, several milestones are already in progress ongoing, and the first course in "Title IV Basics" for staff that wi velopment. Topic is the Pell Grant Program.	
6.1	Review and update FSA s	kills catalog	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		
6.2	Conduct can analyses has	and an akilla catalog (huginaga unita TPD)	
6.2	Conduct gap analyses bas	sed on skills catalog (business units TBD)	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		

# 6.3 Provide learning opportunities to fill skills gaps

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em –			
Milestone#	Action Item		
	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		
7	Develop learning track to	r case management teams	
,	Develop learning track to	rease management teams	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	15
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	15
		earning Track project team held a check-in meeting with Scho work completed to date. The validity of the approach was conf er development.	
Green	FSAU	12/27/2002	10
	awaits business case	approval	
Green	FSAU	12/13/2002	10
		nt learning track is well underway. Much of the research and been accomplished, and the course developers are working or skills.	
7.1	Conduct research and an	nalysis of skills needed to perform specific jobs	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	10
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	10
	Skill analyses are und	lerway. An assessment of the data analysis portion has been	completed.

# 7.2 Create the curriculum, focusing on "data driven" approach

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Milestone#	Action Item Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		
7.3	Conduct skills assessmen	ut	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		
7.4	Provide learning options to	o fill gaps	
Green	FSAU	2/7/2003	00
	NO CHANGE		
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	00
	Start date TBD.		
8	Align Manager Excellence	e Training to focus on Performance and Accountability	
C *** * **	FOALL	0/7/0000	45
Green	On February 14 FSA I	2/7/2003  University is scheduled to make a presentation to the Manager	15
	the Manager Excellence		Hone Council off
Green	FSAU	1/24/2003	10
	NO CHANGE		

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 Milestone#
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 %Complete

 Green
 FSAU
 12/27/2002
 10

 NO CHANGE

 Green
 FSAU
 12/13/2002
 10

 The business case for the managers' program has been partially approved.

# Implement integrated project management oversight for FSA's system integration initiatives

Provide program management support for FSA system integration and new technology solution initiatives

Green COO 1/24/2003 70

Monitoring all active and pending Accenture Task Orders

1.1 Issue a task order under the Modernization Partner Contract to ensure continued support for integration, leadership, direction setting, reporting and contract/subcontract management

Yellow COO 1/24/2003 85

Restructuring Integration Leadership based task orders and waiting for final proposal,

## 2 Formalize FSA Integration Group

Green SCH 2/7/2003 100

FSA Integration Group was formalized in today's Management Council meeting.

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 50

GM, Schools, and COO still need to meet to finalize the charter and proposed list of members, as far we know. When that happens, Pct. Complete will go from 50 to 100%. We are showing status as yellow, not red, because the original core group (though not yet formalized as far as we know) continues to meet and make decisions.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 50

The core group that has historically met about integration has convened, written and reviewed a charter, met with the COO, and compiled a list of suggested members. The final draft is now with Kay, who will meet with the COO soon to finalize.

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	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	SCH	12/27/2002	20
	NO CHANGE		
Green	SCH	12/13/2002	20
	COO is reviewing enterprise proposal now.		

- 16 CIO Define an enterprise-wide data strategy and high-level implementation approach that addresses the business flow of data across the enterprise, architecture, primary ownership, standards, management, access methods, and quality
  - Identify the strategic focus areas necessary to develop a cohesive enterprise-wide data strategy

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources was written by the EITM data team. This SOO also addressed sub action items related to the overall data strategy document and activities under 16.2 including the mapping of business flows, data inventories, redundant data analysis and summary, and the completion of a target state assessment for business data integration. The development and content of this statement of focus will need to be addressed with the cross functional project team. Achieving the performance plan target date of 1/31/03 was contigent on acquiring this contract support in sufficient time for product delivery. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

Collaborate with all internal Department stakeholders and external stakeholders to identify business needs and requirements with respect to the data provided to FSA by others, provided by FSA to others, and managed by FSA

Green FP 2/7/2003 00

Kick-off meeting conducted on Wednesday, 2.6.2003.

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 50

Cross-functional team has been established. Team leads have been selected, and kickoff meeting has been held. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. Key mangers listed as responsible persons under action item 16 were contacted on Dec. 20, 2002 and all agreed to constitute the core cross-functional data strategy team. The formal cross-functional team kick-off meeting that was scheduled for Jan. 13, 2003 was cancelled. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Green FP 1/24/2003 00

No update for this reporting period.

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 50

Although the 16.2 planned Completion Date is 6/30/03, we have gone to yellow on this milestone. The Success Measure column includes a soft date of 12/31/02 for this milestone, it wasn't met, and we haven't heard that this has been addressed definitively. GM-Schools, and the new CIO have met together and with the COO, to try to ensure that the technology and business functions partner productively this year. However, this team is not set as far as we know, and that is holding up milestone activity under project 16.

Yellow CIO 1/10/2003 05

The SOO to address the the overall data strategy document and activities under 16.2 including the mapping of business flows, data inventories, redundant data analysis and summary, and the completion of a target state assessment for business data integration is being formulated. Key mangers were contacted on Dec. 20, 2002 and all agreed to constitute the core cross-functional data strategy team. Additional membership was discussed and additional particpant names were suggested by the core team members. Due to holiday leave schedules, the first formal cross-functional team kick-off meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13, 2003. Additional membership will be solicited to help ensure enterprise representation for these cross-cutting efforts and key contractor personnel will be included in future meetings as appropropriate. The final development and content of the overall data strategy SOO will be addressed with the cross functional project team during meetings the week of Jan. 13. Achieving the target date of 1/31/03 is contigent on acquiring contract support in sufficient time for product delivery. Therefore, for this reporting period, the overall status of 16 is being reported as yellow.

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

A Comprehensive Work Plan is being developed and FSA project team has been established.

### 2.1 Map the current state and future state business flow of data, as applicable, across the enterprise

Green FP 2/7/2003 00

Kick-off meeting conducted on Wednesday, 2.6.2003.

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

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	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	FP	1/24/2003	00
	No update for this rep	porting period.	
2.11	Inventory legacy/operation	onal data, including different databases and data stores, to identify r	redundancy
Green	FP	2/7/2003	00
	Kick-off meeting cond	ducted on Wednesday, 2.6.2003.	
Green	CIO	1/24/2003	05
	approval obtained. T of Objectives (SOO)	nding senior management discussion and direction. IPC and Depar This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft of for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the wided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receip	Statement EITM data
Green	FP	1/24/2003	00
	No update for this rep	porting period.	
2.12	Determine where busine	ess data should be integrated	
Green	FP	2/7/2003	00
	Kick-off meeting cond	ducted on Wednesday, 2.6.2003.	
Green	CIO	1/24/2003	05
	Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. IPC and Department approval obtained. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.		
Green	FP	1/24/2003	00
	No update for this rep	porting period.	

2.2 Develop requirements and initial design for Common Identifiers for School and Students.

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 05

Because the cross functional team has been established (16.2), we expect that work can begin shortly and will proceed rapidly, based on experience gained through COD. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Status not know - being handled by schools/students channel

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 05

Although planned completion date is 6/30/03, we think this is now yellow because the cross-functional project team (16.2) has not been definitively established. This milestone is dependent upon the mobilization of that team.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green SCH 12/27/2002 05

Although the formal cross-functional project team has not been finalized, extensive planning and discussion with Students/Application Processing and other enterprise offices occurred during 2002. We expect that this planning will mean the cross-functional team is not starting from scratch in January 2003, and have upgraded the % complete to 5%.

Green SCH 12/13/2002 02

This milestone and 11.3.1.2 both involve a common identifier piece that can only appear in one place, once the FSA integration group has been finalized and these milestones are vetted by it. Anticipated start date is based on the FSA IPC's having approved the draft business case addressing the establishment of the cross-functional project team.

## 3 Determine Current Data Quality and Establish Target State Plan and Quality Assurance Process

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. IPC and Department approval obtained. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A high level project plan was drafted by the EITM data team for future presentation to the FSA data quality committee that will be established as part of sub action 16.3. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

# 3.1 Evaluate and identify data quality problems and identify correct source of data

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A high level project plan was drafted by the EITM data team for future presentation to the FSA data quality committee that will be established as part of sub action 16.3. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

### 3.2 Develop a data cleansing plan based on cost, value and urgency

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A high level project plan was drafted by the EITM data team for future presentation to the FSA data quality committee that will be established as part of sub

3.3 Develop and administer a data quality process which ensures the FSA projects implement enterprise data standards and quality standards

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A high level project plan was drafted by the EITM data team for future presentation to the FSA data quality committee that will be established as part of sub action 16.3. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

3.4 Establish an FSA data quality committee comprised of both business and technical subject matter experts to ensure that enterprise data standards are addressed within each project

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On Hold pending senior management discussion and direction. IPC and Department approval obtained. The composition of and logistics required to form an FSA enterprise data quality committee will need to be addressed by the cross-functional data strategy team. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

Develop an enterprise-wide extensible markup language (XML) Technical Architecture Framework to enhance data sharing and standardization with our external customers

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 05

Because the cross functional team has been established (16.2), we expect that work can begin shortly and will proceed rapidly, based on experience gained through COD. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

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Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

A draft technical proposal for this and related XML action item activities was received from Accenture and reviewed by the EITM data team. EITM provided Students Channel project managent verbal and written input to this draft on Jan. 22.

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 05

Although planned completion date is 3/31/03, we think this is now yellow because the cross-functional project team (16.2) has not been definitively established. This milestone is dependent upon the mobilization of that team.

Yellow CIO 1/10/2003 05

The XML Framework Statement of Objectives (SOO) to obtain contractor support for item 16.4 has been finalized.

Green SCH 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green SCH 12/27/2002 05

Although the formal cross-functional project team has not been finalized, extensive planning and discussion with Students/Application Processing and other enterprise offices occurred during 2002. We expect that this planning will mean the cross-functional team is not starting from scratch in January 2003, and have upgraded the % complete to 5%.

Green SCH 12/13/2002 02

The cross functional team must meet in order to finish planning for the XML milestones, for the following reasons:

- The scope is expanding from one system (COD) to the enterprise, increasing complexity and project risk and thus necessitating enterprise-wide planning.
- Because FSA is collaborating with the higher ed standard-setting bodies whose members (schools, servicers, GAs) hold student Title IV data in common with FSA and are on parallel XML development tracks, the team will need to check direction with those bodies to ensure sufficient alignment.
- 4.1 Develop an XML framework including: and FSA XML Vision, XML standards, governance process, methodology, XML technical core components, sector libraries, and schemas

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 05

Because the cross functional team has been established (16.2), we expect that work can begin shortly and will proceed rapidly, based on experience gained through COD. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

A draft technical proposal for this and related XML action item activities was received from Accenture and reviewed by the EITM data team. EITM provided Students Channel project managent verbal and written input to this draft on Jan. 22.

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 05

Although planned completion date is 3/31/03, we think this is now yellow because the cross-functional project team (16.2) has not been definitively established. This milestone is dependent upon the mobilization of that team.

# 4.2 Develop an integrated sequencing plan that identifies when and how each initiative will implement the XML framework as part of an overall enterprise data integration plan

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 05

Because the cross functional team has been established (16.2), we expect that work can begin shortly and will proceed rapidly, based on experience gained through COD. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

A draft technical proposal for this and related XML action item activities was received from Accenture and reviewed by the EITM data team. EITM provided Students Channel project managent verbal and written input to this draft on Jan. 22.

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 05

Although planned completion date is 3/31/03, we think this is now yellow because the cross-functional project team (16.2) has not been definitively established. This milestone is dependent upon the mobilization of that team.

### 4.3 Establish Common Record XML format

Yellow SCH 2/7/2003 05

Because the cross functional team has been established (16.2), we expect that work can begin shortly and will proceed rapidly, based on experience gained through COD. Those are very positive indicators. However, this milestone will read yellow until the estimated Percent Complete bears a closer relation to the percent of days elapsed in the total reporting period, and we are more confident that the Completion Date deadline can be met.

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

A draft technical proposal for this and related XML action item activities was received from Accenture and reviewed by the EITM data team. EITM provided Students Channel project managent verbal and written input to this draft on Jan. 22.

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Channel Status Date %Complete

Yellow SCH 1/24/2003 05

Although planned completion date is 3/31/03, we think this is now yellow because the cross-functional project team (16.2) has not been definitively established. This milestone is dependent upon the mobilization of that team.

#### 4.5 Complete development activities to implement XML for ISIR for 2004-05

Green STU 1/24/2003 15

16.4.5 - Expanding the Common Record to include ISIR data furthers the concept of standard reusable blocks of similar data that are shared across business processes and will permit real-time transfer of information between delivery partners, operating partners, and FSA and support improved service and program integrity. It will also reduce the number of technologies required by delivery partners to participate in FSA programs reducing administrative burden. Future users of the new format will be FSA, its operating partners, and every post-secondary school and financial partner administering federal financial aid programs. The data sharing through XML will integrate in other integration initiatives and allow all partners in the financial aid delivery process to standardize

Green STU 1/10/2003 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/27/2002 05

NO CHANGE

Green STU 12/13/2002 05

Expanding the Common Record to include ISIR data furthers the concept of standard reusable blocks of similar data that are shared across business processes and will permit real-time transfer of information between delivery partners, operating partners, and FSA and support improved service and program integrity. It will also reduce the number of technologies required by delivery partners to participate in FSA programs reducing administrative burden. Future users of the new format will be FSA, its operating partners, and every post-secondary school and financial partner administering federal financial aid programs. The data sharing through XML will integrate in other integration initiatives and allow all partners in the financial aid delivery process to standardize communication

## 5 Develop integrated Data warehouse and data mart strategy

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

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#### 5.1 Develop Data Warehouse and Data Mart Vision

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

#### 5.2 Develop Data Warehouse and Data Mart Framework

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. A draft Statement of Objectives (SOO) for contractor resources that includes this activity was written by the EITM data team. Establishment of the core stategy team is required for this task. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

#### 5.3 Develop technical standards and guidelines

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On hold pending senior management discussion and direction. This activity is one component of the overall action item 16. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

# 5.4 Develop a strategy for enterprise wide data sharing and distribution (data storage, management and access rights)

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Remains On Hold pending senior management discussion and direction. A high level project plan for action item 16.5 and its sub action items was developed by the EITM data team. It will need to be presented for input and review to the FSA cross functional data strategy team once they are established and convene. Project dependencies will need to be addressed by the overall data strategy project manager and/or this enterprise group. Establishment of the core stategy team and subcommittees is pending management discussion and direction. Accenture provided FSA with proposal for overall data strategy effort prior to receipt of SOO developed by EITM.

## 7 Review Security and Privacy Procedures and revise as necessary

Red CIO 12/13/2002 00

Requested date change from 9/30/03 to 12/31/03.

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#### 18 CIO Create an overall FSA integrated security and privacy architecture

1 Convene FSA security and privacy architecture working group and provide support for meetings and deliberations

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Current plan is to avoid a separate group and make this a task of the "Integration Group". Security Architecture task not yet awarded.

2 Review past work plan and update the plan with the latest business and technical developments that are applicable

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Central task is developing security/technology baseline -- what systems (hw/sw) are located where and how are they connected/protectee? Security Architecture task not yet awarded.

Green CIO 1/10/2003 05

Date change from 12/31/02 to 2/28/03 was accepted during IPC on 1/8/03.

Yellow CIO 12/13/2002 00

Requested date change from 12/31/02 to 2/28/03.

Integrate FSA needs with Departmental and government wide initiatives (e.g. Critical Infrastructure Protection, Enterprise Architecture, eAuthentication, etc.)

Green CIO 1/24/2003 05

Definitiion of security architecture framework will explicitly include Critical Infrastructure Protection and eGov/eAuth components Security Architecture task not yet awarded.

Green CIO 1/10/2003 05

Date change from 12/31/02 to 3/31/03 was accepted during IPC on 1/8/03.

Yellow CIO 12/13/2002 00

Requested date change from 12/31/02 to 3/31/03

4 Recommend technical approaches to each of the security services (e.g., encryption, authentication, etc.) required by FSA (and partner organizations)

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Milestone#	Action Item		
	Channel	Status Date	%Complete
Green	CIO	1/24/2003	05
	Dependent on outcor	me of 18.1 Security Architecture task not yet awarded.	
5	Identify and estimate the enterprise security/priva	e cost of all FSA projects that will require modification to fit within the p cy standards	proposed
Green	CIO	1/24/2003	05
	Dependent on outcor	me of 18.1 Security Architecture task order not yet awarded.	
Green	CIO	1/10/2003	05
	Date change from 3/3	31/03 to 4/30/04 was accepted during IPC on 1/8/03.	
Yellow	CIO	12/13/2002	00
	Requested date char	nge from 3/31/03 to 4/30/04.	
6	Implement 1 or more proof-of-concept infrastructure impvmnts, w/intention to develop identity mgt infrastructure (enrollment, use of school/lender XML identity credentials, SSO) to support bus-facing (school/lender/GA, not PIN-based student/borrower) apps		
Green	CIO	1/24/2003	05
		element is impossible. All activity under this task dependent on compl ty Architecture task (not yet awarded).	eting first

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